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## Community Policing Chronicle

Crime Free Multi-Housing—Neighborhood Watch—Business Watch—Community Watch

Education—Communication—Partnership



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## From the Desk of Lieutenant Tedesco

The "Co-Producer of Public Safety" model has proven to be very successful in the City of Riverside. The partnership that the Riverside Police Department has with the citizens in both the residential and business communities has been a deterrent to crime and has had a positive impact on livability issues in many neighborhoods. In the fiscal year 2006-2007, overall serious crime in the city was down by over 8%. This can be attributed to RPD having better two-way communication with the community and truly working together to address these

issues.

The Riverside Police Department is looking forward to both continuing and strengthening our partnership with the citizens in our city. The Community Policing Group is urging more citizens to become involved as partners rather than observers in both our Neighborhood and Business Watch programs. For those citizens already involved in our programs, we thank you for your support.



## SAD FAREWELL AND WARM WELCOME

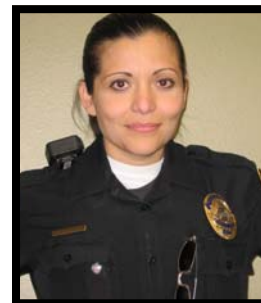
It is very sad to see Lieutenant Tim Bacon move on to another unit. Lieutenant Bacon was such a driving force for the unit's programs, and his dynamic personality will be greatly missed.

The Unit is still dedicated to partnering with our community and making programs that benefit that partnership a priority. We warmly welcome our new leader, Lieutenant Rick Tedesco and our new Crime Free Multi Housing Officer, Officer Neely Nakamura.

Lieutenant Tedesco, who started his law enforcement career at Buena Park PD, has over 30 years of law enforcement experience. Lieutenant Tedesco has served in numerous different assignments, and is a well respected member of our department. We all look forward to working with him.

Officer Neely Nakamura has approximately 8 years as a police officer. She lateraled from Rialto PD. Officer Nakamura, who is also bilingual (Spanish), has been a Field Training Officer, and

worked on the Crime Impact Team in Rialto. Recently married, she is very happy to be a part of the unit, and we are just as happy to have her on our team.



***“Crime Free  
welcomes new  
members and a  
new Crime Free  
Officer”***

The Riverside Crime Free Multi Housing program welcomes not only a new Crime Free Officer, Officer Nakamura, but also some new members:

*The Aspens  
College Park Apartments  
Raincross Senior Cottages  
The Philbin's*

The next citywide Crime Free Multi Housing meeting will be held on May 14, 2008 from 1100-1200 p.m. The training topic will be on Domestic Violence. Please make sure to attend to learn what community or who will be this quarters' "Crime Free

at It's Best" exemplar.

Upcoming Crime Free Multi Housing Phase 1 and Advance training will be held on April 24, and May 29, 2008. All members must have at least one person that has attended an approved Phase 1 training, and all Phase 1 trained members must annually attend an approved Advance update training. Both Phase 1 and Advance trainings are held on the same day. Phase 1 trainings are held from 8:00 to 5:00 and participants attending the update section attend only the morning, 8:00-12:00 p.m. For more information on training or to

register for an upcoming training contact 353-7689.

For more information on the upcoming citywide Crime Free Multi Housing meeting or to RSVP contact 353-7688 or 353-7691.



## NEW CELL PHONE LAWS

***“New wireless  
telephone laws  
take effect July 1,  
2008”***



The new wireless telephone laws take effect July 1, 2008. There are two new laws coming into effect. The first prohibits all drivers from using a handheld wireless telephone while operating a motor vehicle (Vehicle Code 23123). Motorist 18 and over may use a hands-free device, while drivers

under the age of 18 may NOT use a wireless telephone or hands-free device while operating a motor vehicle (Vehicle Code 23124).

The law does allow a driver to use a wireless telephone to make an emergency call to law enforcement, medical

provider, fire department or other emergency services.

This even includes “push-to-talk” type phones.

A law enforcement officer can pull you over just for this section.

## GO DIRECT

***“Go Direct at  
[www.GoDirect.org](http://www.GoDirect.org)”***

The U.S. Department of the Treasury and the Federal Reserve Banks are currently sponsoring the “Go Direct—Direct Deposit and You” program.

The main point of the program is to educate people of the advantages of using direct deposit to receive their Social Security or SSI payment.

They are encouraging the

use of direct deposit, where your payment goes straight to your checking or savings account, because it is one of the safest, easiest method of getting your payments.

This option is **safer** because it protects against fraud and identity theft. It's **easier** because your money is in your account on your payment

day—on time every time. It also gives you **more control** so your check doesn't rule your schedule—your money is there when you need it.

For more information on this program contact (800) 333-1795 or visit [www.GoDirect.org](http://www.GoDirect.org) or visit your bank, credit union or Social Security office.



## SAVE THE DATE!

Last August, the first annual "Neighborhood Leaders to National Heroes" event was held with great response from sponsors, vendors, information booths, a variety of law enforcement agencies, fire department, and the military. The event was highlighted by the keynote speaker, Colonel Danny McKnight.

This year's event will be held on Saturday, October 18, 2008 at the Riverside Municipal Airport. At this year's event, the hope is to highlight all 26 of the city's neighborhoods, "showcasing" the people and the history of the neighborhood from past

to present.

Each neighborhood will have their own booth with pictures and general information, staffed by members of that community who can detail just how special their neighborhood is.

The people from this community is what makes

Riverside the great place it is, so make sure your neighborhood is represented.

For more information on this great event and/or to start planning your neighborhood booth contact **353-7689** or [cpt@riversideca.gov](mailto:cpt@riversideca.gov).



***"The Second Annual Neighborhood Leaders to National Heroes event will be held on Saturday, October 18, 2008"***

## BUSINESS WATCH



The next citywide Business Watch meeting will be held on April 10, 2008 at 10:00 a.m. at the Magnolia Station, 10540 Magnolia.

The scheduled training topic will be business "takeover" prevention. For more information or to RSVP for the meeting please contact 353-7690 or 358-2700.

***"A Citywide Business Watch meeting will be held on April 10, 2008"***

## NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH

The Neighborhood Watch Academy is scheduled to begin on Tuesday, April 8, 2008.

The academy's training is designed to empower participants to effectively use crime prevention methods to reduce the opportunity of crime and to be leaders in their community.

Participants come from all areas of the city, with a wide

variety of experiences. Participants range from being members of an established neighborhood watch group to the catalyst that will launch start a group in their neighborhood.

The academy is open to residents of the City of Riverside, who are 18 years or older.



The academy is presented in eight 3-hour weekly sessions, and will be held at the Magnolia Police Station, 10540 Magnolia, Suite B.

If you are interested in be apart of the academy please contact **353-7689**, email [cpt@riversideca.gov](mailto:cpt@riversideca.gov)

or fill out an online application at [rpdonline.org](http://rpdonline.org).

***"The Neighborhood Watch Academy begins April 8, 2008"***

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***"Preventing Crime is Everyone's Business"***

## CURRENT SCAMS

The Internal Revenue Service is warning taxpayers to beware of several current email and telephone scams that are using the IRS's name as a lure. The IRS is cautioning taxpayers to be on the lookout for scams involving proposed advance payment checks. The goal of the scams are to trick people into revealing their personal and financial information, which the scammers can use to commit identity theft.

The most recent scams brought to the IRS's attention are:

### **Rebate Phone Call**

In this scam, the caller identifies themselves as an IRS employee. The targeted victim is told that they are eligible for a sizable rebate for filing his taxes early. The caller then states that they will need the potential victim's bank account information for direct deposit of the rebate. If the targeted person refuses, they are told that they will not receive the rebate. Remember, the IRS does not gather this type of information by phone.

### **Refund E-Mail**

The IRS has seen several variations of a refund-related bogus email, claiming to be from the IRS. This type of email tells the recipient that he or she is eligible for a tax refund for a specific amount, and instructs the person to click on a link in the email to access a refund claim form. This form asks for personal information that the scammers can use to access the recipient's bank or credit card account. These emails are phony. The IRS does not send unsolicited emails about tax account matters to individual, business, tax-exempt or other taxpayers. The only way to apply for a tax refund is to file a tax return.

### **Audit E-Mail**

This scam has features not seen before by the IRS. Using a technique designed to get almost anyone's attention, the e-mail notifies the person that his or her tax return will be audited. This is the first scam of which the IRS is aware of that uses this to get the victim to respond.

This unusual e-mail scam may contain a salutation in the body addressed to the specific person by name. Most typical scam e-mails are not personalized.

This email instructs the recipient to click on links to complete forms with personal and account information.

### **Paper Check Phone Call**

Currently, there is a telephone scam where the caller claims to

be an IRS employee. The caller claims the call has been made because the IRS has sent a check to the individual that has not been cashed. The caller wants to verify the individual's bank account number. In some instances, the caller has had a foreign accent.

The IRS leaves it up to the taxpayer to cash or not cash a paper check

### **Changes to Tax Law E-Mail**

This scam e-mail is normally sent to businesses, accountants and "Treasury" managers. The e-mail instructs the recipient to download information on tax law changes by clicking on a series of links to publications on businesses, estate taxes, excise taxes, exempt organizations and IRAs and other retirement plans. The IRS has reason to believe that clicking on a link downloads malware onto the recipient's computer. Malware is a malicious code that can take over the victim's computer hard drive, giving someone remote access to the computer, or it could look for passwords and other information and send them to the scammer. There are other types of malware, as well.

Anyone who may have received a questionable e-mail claiming to come from the IRS may forward the e-mail to [phishing@irs.gov](mailto:phishing@irs.gov). You may also use [phishing@irs.gov](mailto:phishing@irs.gov) to report questionable telephone calls claiming to come from the IRS. For more information on IRS warnings please visit the IRS' website at [IRS.gov](http://IRS.gov).

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Protect yourself, keep an eye out for crime.